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Transcripts in Blood

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of one month(s) to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed June 21, 2004, from August 21, 2004, up to and including September 21, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, an extension fee of \$55 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference 4231/2055H. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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